

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES –DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Prevention Planning Meeting - October 8, 2009

Service Planning Area 1, 2, & 9 Regional Work Group Responses	
1. What are the alcohol and other drug (AOD) problems specifically affecting your community?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Addictions, domestic violence, AOD arrests, family and children</li> <li>○ AOD related domestic violence and related at-risk behaviors (unprotected sex, STDs, etc.), underage drinking and youth substance abuse, cannabis dispensaries</li> <li>○ Meth use - Crystal meth use is increasing in SPAs 1 and 2</li> <li>○ Community uninformed about meth use among youth/young women, ecstasy use in (pockets) of SPA 2</li> <li>○ Drinking at house parties/during school</li> <li>○ AOD problem affects the communities' homeless problem</li> <li>○ Liquor companies are finding new ways to advertise</li> <li>○ More people are getting involved in drug sales due to increased economic pressures.</li> <li>○ Domestic violence and child abuse associated with AOD use and abuse</li> </ul>
2. How do you know it's a problem?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Number of participants enrolling in programs.</li> <li>○ Data from intakes (substance abuse and domestic violence programs), self report from parents, observation (dispensaries)</li> <li>○ Drug programs, intakes, youth to users know about problem (others not aware)</li> <li>○ Treatment admission data, alcohol related crime, requests for assistance from local schools</li> <li>○ Homeless becoming younger and younger and adding to mental and AOD problems</li> <li>○ Increase in gang violence-drug and alcohol related incidents, new and younger faces at local hang outs</li> <li>○ Department of Children and Family Services, school and court referrals</li> </ul>
3. What types of conditions or risk factors in your community contribute to these problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of good information from the community</li> <li>○ Misperception or lack of education regarding domestic violence and substance use, lack of information regarding at risk sexual behaviors, poor parental supervision</li> <li>○ Rural area, people bored, no info about drug/dangers of drugs</li> <li>○ Lack of information, number of alcohol outlets, drug availability in schools, alcohol marketing</li> <li>○ Lack of parent supervision, home alcohol use</li> <li>○ Over proliferation of liquor outlets, unemployment has increased, lack of resources and activities for youth</li> <li>○ Easy availability of AOD, alcohol marketing, lack of enough previous resources</li> <li>○ Community Prevention Recovery Program, ADPA, health fairs to increase awareness in the community</li> <li>○ Free parenting skills training, community events to raise awareness (e.g. concerts in the park), information dissemination at community organizations</li> </ul>
4. What types of community actions/programs already exist to prevent/reduce these problems?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meth prevention press conference, meth presentations, resource fairs</li> <li>○ Youth organizations/coalitions</li> <li>○ Project Outreach target 12-24 runaways</li> <li>○ There is a gang reduction project that's attempting to identify and secure resources to deal with a multitude of problems</li> <li>○ Information, dissemination, educational groups focus on the whole family, AOD free recreational activities, collaborative meetings</li> </ul>

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5. Among the most serious problems, which three problems should be addressed first in consideration of available resources and community activities/programs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Domestic violence and alcoholism</li> <li>○ AOD related domestic violence</li> <li>○ underage drinking a substance use</li> <li>○ Cannabis dispensary proliferation</li> <li>○ Danger of meth use, ingredients, will not be “condemned” if wanted treatment</li> <li>○ Alcohol availability/marketing and drugs on school campus (It’s too cool to be on alcohol and drugs)</li> <li>○ Intense prevention activities and education targeting youth and young adults</li> <li>○ Lack of education, employment opportunities and more prevention programs</li> </ul>
6. What type of evidence-based strategies should be considered for addressing alcohol and other drug problems?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Six CSAP strategies and community-based intervention process</li> <li>○ Policy options (advocate)</li> <li>○ Social/normative controls (advocate)</li> <li>○ Coalition building/community-based process</li> <li>○ Environmental strategies</li> <li>○ Prevention and developing alternatives activities for the youth and young adults</li> <li>○ Create educational and job opportunities</li> </ul>
7. What are some key concepts and principles that should be considered for designing a prevention RFP program design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open community education prevention program for the families and parents</li> <li>○ Send proposal/program requirements early and enough time to complete RFP</li> <li>○ Prevention strategies for the family as a whole</li> <li>○ Enough funding for case management</li> <li>○ Must be prevention providers (history of providing prevention services)</li> <li>○ Build community capacity</li> <li>○ How can you provide resources to the actual persons that are most affected by drug and alcohol problems?</li> </ul>
8. What tools may assist your organization with preparing for the RFP process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Data collection (provide a bank of resources countywide to be used as a knowledge based tool)</li> <li>○ Develop a countywide tracking system for individuals/families served</li> <li>○ Local data/proven programs</li> <li>○ Build a resource pool of grant writers for providers to be successful with the RFP</li> <li>○ Transition plan/process (What is the plan and timeline?)</li> <li>○ Technical assistance to be able to present a proposal that works with the current language that the funding source requires</li> </ul>
<i>PARKING LOT</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can an organization be awarded multiple contracts?</li> <li>○ Define the levels of evaluation (e.g. individual vs community)</li> <li>○ Will it have to go through the IRB process or is there a process?</li> <li>○ Can there be individualized services (e.g. case management, referral, prevention counseling)</li> <li>○ Most strategies need to be hybrid to incorporate different elements that need to be foreseen on the problem</li> <li>○ A pre-submission review panel before you submit your proposal</li> <li>○ Will prevention and treatment contracts be combined?</li> </ul>